



EVERYONE

Celebrating 2024

ENTRUSTED

When a friend invited me to drive his luxury sports car, I initially felt a sense of privilege. But as I slid behind the wheel, he told me how much he paid for it – and the sense of privilege was replaced by a sense of responsibility.

Gulp. What if a kamikaze deer leaps into my path?

It's sobering to be entrusted with a valuable possession.

Jesus paid the ultimate price for the Church. To convey how valuable it is to him, he calls it his Bride. Amazingly, he has entrusted the Church's mission and message to us. We are so glad to partner with you to strengthen and advance the part of Jesus' Church called West Side.

Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us (2 Timothy 1:14).

Eddie Lowen
Lead Minister



GRAND OPENING

Making room for EVERYONE. Our celebration begins with the drop of a curtain.

God led us to create an inspiring space where EVERYONE can connect to Jesus and his mission through our weekend worship experiences. Last year's Christmas services represented the culmination of many months of dreaming, planning and construction. Since the grand opening, hundreds of new people have become acquainted with Jesus. Let's celebrate! Take a look >>>>



EVERY NUMBER
REPRESENTS A PERSON.

EVERY PERSON
HAS A STORY.

EVERY STORY
MATTERS TO GOD.

2860 AVERAGE WEEKLY
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

\$113,326.89 AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERING

254 SAID YES TO JESUS THROUGH BAPTISM

303 DECIDED TO MAKE WEST SIDE
THE PLACE THEY CALL HOME

WEEKEND WORSHIP



JANFEB



FEBAPR



APRMAY



JUNE

2014 TEACHING SERIES TIMELINE

JULY



AUGSEP



SEPT



OCTNOV



DEC





BAPTISM SUNDAY

123

Groups are the place we grow and connect beyond the weekend worship experience. Within groups, Westsiders are encouraged to live and love like Jesus!

LIFE GROUPS are smaller circles of people who meet regularly throughout the Springfield area.

1029 PEOPLE IN LIFE GROUPS AT WEST SIDE IN 2014!

ACCESS GROUPS are mid-sized gatherings that meet on campus for teaching and discussion.

497 PEOPLE IN ACCESS GROUPS THIS YEAR!

RENEWAL GROUPS focus on providing support, recovery and a place where it's OK to not be OK.

95 PEOPLE FOUND HOPE THROUGH RENEWAL GROUPS THIS SEASON!

groups



Chris and Brenda Reavis are involved in several types of groups at West Side and love every moment! Here's what Brenda had to say about their new Life Group:

I love the fact that I have an awesome community of wonderful friends who keep me accountable and are constantly engaging me along a path of spiritual growth. We've only been with this group since earlier this year, but it seems like we have known them for a long time! We are able to study God's word, enjoy great discussions, hold each other up in prayer, and just do life together.

“ **BRENDA REAVIS**

VOLUNTEER



BOOTCAMP

JESUS IS THE ROCK STAR. WE ARE THE ROADIES.
Doing what Jesus wants is West Side's obsession.

IT'S NOT ABOUT ME.
God's mission > my preferences & visibility.

I AM THE CHURCH.
I'm on mission with Jesus every day, everywhere.

THERE IS NO MINE.
I've crossed over from holding back to letting go.

EXTRA IS ORDINARY.
I will go the extra mile to bless others and honor Jesus.

WORD UP.
Words are powerful, so I will mind my speak, rather than speaking my mind.

the **CODE**
the way Westsiders live out our mission

2014 was a huge year for volunteer teams at West Side. We launched a new experience called Volunteer Bootcamp which ensures every volunteer coming aboard understands why their role is vital to West Side's mission. While we still flex our own unique personalities, gifts and passions, we march toward the same goal: **Connecting EVERYONE to Jesus and his mission.**

How do Westsiders live out our mission? We call it **The Code** and it is revolutionizing the way we serve as a church.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVING THROUGH WEST SIDE MINISTRIES: **1661**
TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW VOLUNTEERS WHO JOINED US IN 2014: **628**

TEAMS

We exist to...

**CONNECT EVERYONE TO
JESUS AND HIS MISSION.**

EVERYONE means EVERY GENERATION. ”



“Jr. High. was such an impactful time for me. I want to bring that to all the other jr highers that I can.”

JOEY DAUM
STUDENT LEADER



“Joey and I serve together in almost everything. He’s become a role model to me as well, and my best friend. If you put the time into it, you can change everyone. That’s my hope for student ministry.”

ANDREW OPFER
STUDENT LEADER

WEST SIDE KIDS
Early Childhood | Early Elementary | Pre-Teen
Average Sunday attendance

533

JR HIGH&HIGH SCHOOL
Average Sunday attendance

200

**JR HIGH&HIGH SCHOOL
LIFE GROUPS**

26



WES FOUND RENEWED PURPOSE AS A YOUNG ADULT!



“The best part about getting involved at West Side is that you start connecting with other people and forming bonds. I think that’s really cool. You feel like a burden has been lifted once you decide to take a next step, whether it’s joining a Life Group, getting baptized, or volunteering.” **WES TREADWELL**

West Side is for everyone. Our grandson Ryan has autism. West Side assured me he would be well taken care of. Ryan has been coming ever since. Not only does West Side’s Kids’ Ministry care for our children, they teach them about Jesus.

“Of the few words Ryan has, he talks about *God’s house* all the time. It’s a very special part of Ryan’s life.

JOAN MCKINNEY



DORIS IS CELEBRATING A NEW SEASON OF LIFE AND MINISTRY AT WEST SIDE!



“I left Texas three days after my husband’s funeral to be with family, and found more family than I expected! The church has opened its heart and arms to me. I am blessed with a multitude of brothers and sisters. I can always count on someone to be there for me when I need help, strengthening, or an encouraging word. I see God’s love at work here and am so thankful to be a part of this family.”

DORIS HASTLETINE



As a teacher in District 186, it was brought to my attention that West Side was going to be delivering meals to students at Harvard Park Elementary School. Because I teach on the east side of town, I was drawn to the opportunity. Even before I was a member, West Side invited me to volunteer for the Love Come Down Project.



It made me instantly feel at home because it extended the boundary of what I considered home...all the way out to the west side.

“ TIFFANY WILLIAMS

EVERYONE
means we break
through stereotypes
to ensure **EVERYONE**
knows Jesus loves
them and there is a
place for them at
West Side.



Love Come Down set up shop at Harvard Park Elementary School in time for Christmas 2013. This experience gave Harvard Park parents a convenient, fun and free place to “shop” for their kids. In addition to pajamas, socks and underwear, families took home food and stockings full of goodies!

LOVE COME
DOWN

200 VOLUNTEERS

581 KIDS

\$38,000 INVESTED

EVERYONE

means come just as you are.

WATCHED
OUR BABY
FIGHT FOR
HER LIFE

PRAISING GOD
FOR HER HEALING
AND GIVING US
HOPE

Hundreds of people have experienced a new kind of life thanks to Jesus.

Old made new. Brokenness made whole. Hope. Joy. Peace.

EVERYONE

means we cross borders **IN** our neighborhoods, **ACROSS** our nation, and **AROUND** our world to bring the good news of Jesus.

Total dollar amount given to all local, national, and global missions: **over \$600,000**

Total dollar amount given to MyHope, our ministry partner in Myanmar: **over \$20,000**

Total dollar amount given to Missions of Hope, our ministry partner in Kenya: **over \$48,000**

Special Project: **\$20,000** was given to Central India Christian Mission to build a home in which persecuted Christians can recover.

Don't forget the more than 500 kids sponsored by West Side families!

MISSIONS

MISSION
BEYOND OUR BORDERS, OUR WALLS AND OURSELVES

YOUR FAITH
IS SOMEONE ELSE'S
HOPE.

These are the faces of children receiving help and hope in the name of Jesus. Each month, funds are sent to our mission partners in Kenya and Myanmar where children receive medical care and inspiration from God's Word. Together we are leading kids from the darkness of poverty and oppression to the light of hope. To learn more about sponsoring a child through one of our ministry partners, visit [www.westsidechurch.org/missions](#)

One reason West Side's ministry continues to flourish is because Westsiders are unusually generous. We never forget that the annual budget is not really about numbers (although every healthy organization actively manages resources). It is about calling every follower of Jesus to help West Side connect EVERYONE to Jesus and his mission!

Beyond the things only God can do, the catalyst for what happens at West Side is our people, starting with our staff. That is why our Elders (our non-staff overseeing team) choose to invest appropriately in our employed leaders. We use a similar approach in our missions investments: we identify leaders whose gifts and devotion (along with our prayers) can advance the Church in major U.S. cities and around the world, then partner with them.

As much as we like to identify and accept challenges at West Side, the Elder Team has decided to hold the 2015 budget steady. The reason: our current giving projection is to finish 2014 about 5% under the \$6.4M goal. So, we will not place the 2015 giving target even further out. However, we do believe West Side can meet and exceed the \$6.4M goal both this year and next. And, there are many reasons we should collectively seek to do so.

Please do all you can to strengthen West Side through your regular and year-end giving in the coming weeks!

WSCC 2015 MINISTRY FINANCING PLAN

AREA OF MINISTRY EXPENSE	Elder Approved
Core Ministries:	
Children & Students	\$124,700
Adults	\$65,575
Worship & Technical Arts	\$107,613
Outreach & Community Care	\$105,200
Personnel (55 employees - ministry, operations, admin)	\$3,200,000
Other Ministries	\$58,414
Operations:	
Information Technology & Communications	\$92,163
Finance, Building & Grounds	\$1,717,335
Office & Other Operations	\$89,000
Additional Kingdom Investments:	
Missions	\$640,000
Springfield Christian School	\$200,000
Total Ministry Financing Plan	\$6,400,000

Questions may be directed to Operations Director, Dave Miller, 793-2800. The 2015 Ministry Plan will be affirmed on December 28, 2014.



God, you have been doing your thing in our church for well over a hundred years. Your Spirit has prompted countless people to make decisions- from tiny steps to giant leaps. As we look back on 2014, we marvel at what you have done through West Side.

The way you've used EVERYONE this year fills us with gratitude. Through the EVERYONE initiative, you not only began teaching Springfield that our church is for EVERYONE, but you've reminded Westsiders that you are for EVERYONE.

We thank you for renewing the hearts of the hundreds who were baptized in 2014- prompting them to give their lives completely to you. We pray their courage and enthusiasm would continue to stoke a fire in all of us as we move into 2015.

As we've sought to grow your Church, we hope we've made you proud.

It's all for you.

View the 2014 Celebration video at
wschurch.org/2014